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SUBJECT: TRANSIT SHIPMENT OF ECCHEESES THROUGH CANADA

REF: EC BRUSSELS 8843

1. HIJZEN INFORMED US THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE COMMISSION HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE BEST WAY TO HANDLE THE CHEESE TRANS-SHIPMENT PROBLEM IS TO CONSIDER LIMITING THE QUANTITIES OF CHEESE DESTINED FOR CANADA ON WHICH THE EXPORT RESTITUTION WILL BE GIVEN. HE SAID THAT THEY COULD NOT DECIDE BEFORE THE END OF THIS WEEK BUT WOULD INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES WITHIN THE COMMISSION AND COME BACK TO US IN THE FIRST DAYS OF NEXT WEEK.

2. HIJZEN SAID THAT AFTER ANALYZING THE PROBLEM, THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT ONCE THE EC SHIPMENTS HAVE ENTERED CANADA IT IS PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO FOLLOW THEIR PATH THROUGH COM-
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MERCIAL CHANNELS UNTIL THEY ARRIVE AT FINAL DESTINATIONS. CON-

SEQUENTLY, THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO LIMIT THE QUANTITIES OF SUBSIDIZED CHEESES GOING TO CANADA IN SUCH A WAY THAT THERE WOULD BE NO LARGE SURPLUS OF SUBSIDIZED CHEESES WHICH COULD SPILL OVER INTO THE UNITED STATES.

3. HIJZEN SAID THAT POLITICALLY THIS WAS AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF ITALIAN SENSITIVITY ON CHEESE. HOWEVER, THE COMMISSION IS MOST EAGER TO KEEP A GOOD ATMOSPHERE WITH THE UNITED STATES. IT WISHES TO DISCUSS THE ENTIRE CHEESE ISSUE WITH US IN SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE AT THE DEC 5-6 US/EC CONSULTATIONS. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE COMMISSION IS WILLING TO MAKE SOME MOVE, DESPITE THE POLITICAL PROBLEM. HOWEVER, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO KNOW THE POSSIBILITIES OR REACH A DECISION BEFORE THE FIRST DAYS OF NEXT WEEK.

4. WE TOLD HIJZEN THAT WE WOULD REPORT HIS REMARKS TO WASHINGTON AND INFORM HIM OF ANY REACTION WE MIGHT RECEIVE.
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